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Lance Cpl. Rhys Jones and Pvt. David Richardson of the British Army perform Mobile Operations on Urban Terrain training at Fort Dix. For more photos, see page 4-5.



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Michael Engi, President of the 899th Chapter, Vietnam Veterans of America, takes a look at his hand during a game of cards with Soldiers, a Monday night tradition at the Charlie Company Medical Review Processing Unit. For more photos and story, see page 3.



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Jimmy Anderson, a heavy equipment mechanic with the Fort Dix Department of Readiness, welds a metal plate onto one of three new tanks that were donated to the Fort Dix Museum from the 157th Brigade from Horsham, Pa. For more photos and story, see page 11.

WEATHER

FRIDAY -- Isolated thunderstorms with a high of 80 degrees, low of 68.

SATURDAY -- Mostly sunny with highs in the mid-80s, low of 66.

SUNDAY -- Partly cloudy with a high of 89 degrees and low of 70.

Celebrate!

Dix lights up July 4

Against a backdrop of friends, family, great music and spectacular fireworks, more than 25,000 people gathered at Fort Dix July 4 to celebrate the nation's birthday.

The crowd ranged from Soldiers training to fight the Global War On Terrorism to community residents who have celebrated the fourth every year at Fort Dix for decades.

Although clouds threatened during the day and rain arrived with the fireworks, the Doughboy Field crowd rocked with music from the 307th Rock Show Band, and erupted into cheers for country star Craig Morgan.

During an early-evening break in the weather, the Silver Wings Parachute Team from Fort Benning, Ga., dropped in to the delight of the crowd. The team was accompanied by Col. R. David McNeil, Fort Dix commander.

"Every year I think we are just going to come out and watch the fireworks, and every year there is something spectacular in addition," said Louis Adler of Browns Mills. "I've been here every time for at least ten years, and I don't think there is anywhere better to celebrate July 4, especially now that we are at war."

Mobilizing units given a few hours off from training to celebrate consumed awesome quantities of hot dogs, funnel cakes, cotton candy and root beer, played horseshoes, and miniature golf and napped on the field.

"I didn't expect this much activity," said Sgt. Andrew Moore, whose Missouri Guard unit is in the midst of mobilization training. "It's great, and those were the best fireworks I've ever seen anywhere. I feel like it's a send off just for us."

The annual event is organized by the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation, with help from other activities on post.



photos by Steve Snyder

Soldiers from the Texas National Guard display their state flag during the Independence Day celebration July 4 at Fort Dix. Attendees were treated to a demonstration by the Silver Wings Parachute Team from Fort Benning, Ga., the Army Reserve's 99th Regional Sustainment Command and "The Checkmates," left, and fireworks, top.



David Moore

Coalition pressures Iraq insurgents

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 4, 2007 -- Working independently or as a team, coalition and Iraqi forces are increasing the pressure on al Qaeda in Iraq and other insurgent groups in the country.

Coalition forces detained nine suspected terrorists and killed 10 terrorists today during operations in the Anbar province and in Mosul targeting al Qaeda in Iraq terror cell leaders and their operatives.

In Anbar, coalition forces raided a series of buildings looking for a suspected al Qaeda in Iraq leader who is known to be responsible for the torture of Iraqis civilians.

As ground forces approached the

first targeted location they encountered three men -- two men were armed and the third attempted to draw his weapon. Forces killed the three men.

During the engagement, three men from the targeted location across the street came outside of the building and began firing. Coalition forces returned fire and killed them.

The patrol began receiving heavy machine gun fire from another location. Coalition forces called in close air support to suppress the enemy fire. During the strafing, three terrorists on the rooftop and one on the ground were killed.

During the same operation, six suspected terrorists were detained for their association with a suspected al Qaeda leader known for torturing Iraqi citizens.

In Mosul, coalition forces captured an alleged al

Qaeda in Iraq terror cell financier was planning to have his terror cell attack the Mosul airfield.

Coalition forces killed 25 terrorists, detained five suspected terrorists and uncovered weapons caches dur-

ing an operation northeast of Baqubah in Diyala province that ended July 2.

The mission is part of Operation Phantom Thunder the overall ongoing mission in Iraq.

During a patrol along the Diyala River, coalition forces were engaged by three men with rifles and military-style assault vests from across the river. The patrol returned fire and the enemy fire subsided, but so many reinforcements and escalated to include rocket-propelled grenades.

Coalition forces determined the enemy fire was coming from an organized terrorist force that had moved into a nearby palm grove. They fired and maneuvered on the enemy and called in close air support.

During the engagement coalition (continued on page 8)

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Med Hold barracks named for local hero

Spec. John W. Crosby
115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Fort Dix dedicated a new Medical Holdover Building Friday in a ceremony honoring a Pemberton Soldier who was killed in the Global War on Terrorism last year in Afghanistan.

The new building is named after Staff Sgt. Robert J. Chiomento II, a 1990 graduate of Pemberton Township High School who enlisted in the Army in 1991.

While serving in Afghanistan, Chiomento was assigned to B Co. 2-4th Infantry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division. During a firefight, Chiomento heroically lead his troops on an assault of an elevated

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Spec. John W. Crosby

HONORS -- In a traditional ceremony June 29, Christine Chiomento, mother of Robert, Col. David McNeil, installation commander, and Robert's wife Staci Chiomento unveil the plaque dedicating the newly renovated MEDHOLD Barracks Building 5642 in honor of the late Staff Sgt. Robert J. Chiomento II.

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America still beautiful after all these years

Steve Snyder
Public Affairs Staff

Wednesday marked the 231st birthday of the United States of America. Our history is rightly revered for being something special amid the ongoing flux of humanity. Our government, commerce and spirituality have been characterized by a free-wheeling spirit which has not only led to many successes but made our country the envy of other nations everywhere.

Pilgrims and other early settlers called America "God's country" and they had a point. We were not only rich in natural resources but blessed with beauty, too.

Katherine Lee Bates summed up our blessings in her song *America the Beautiful* with a melody provided by Samuel Ward. It's a pretty good description of the land bequeathed to those following the American Dream.

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare of freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!*



*O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for halcyon skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the enameled plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
Till souls wax fair as earth and air
And music-hearted sea!*



*O beautiful for pilgrims feet
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
Till paths be wrought through wilds
Of thought
By pilgrim foot and knee!*

*O beautiful for glory-tale
Of liberating strife
When once and twice,
for man's avail
Men lavished precious life!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
Till selfish gain no longer stain
The banner of the free!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
Till nobler men keep once again
Thy whiter jubilee!*



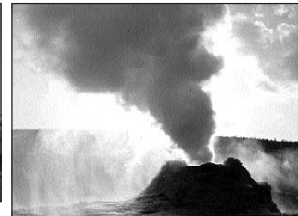
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Mitzi Gaynor high as the flag on the Fourth of July in film, "South Pacific."



painting from Museum of the Cherokee Indian, Cherokee, N.C.
First Americans



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ST. LOUIS GATEWAY ARCH -- A monument to westward expansion in the U.S., the St. Louis Arch towers 630 feet above the banks of the Mississippi River.



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HOT WATER - A geyser erupts in Yellowstone National Park.



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GRAND CANYON -- A couple peers into the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

**"We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately."
Benjamin Franklin at signing of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776**



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PURPLE MOUNTAIN MAJESTIES -- Dusk falls upon the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina.



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"When an American says that he loves his country, he... means that he loves an inner air, an inner light in which freedom lives and in which a man can draw the breath of self-respect."

Adlai Stevenson, 1952



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HIKING TRAIL -- Jordan Pond Nature Trail in Acadia National Park in Maine is a joy for hikers who enjoy nature.



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BIG TREES -- Two of the three species of Giant Redwood trees are located in California. Coastal Redwoods are found in the awesome 31-mile drive called the Avenue of the Giants which runs through Humboldt County in fog-shrouded Northern California. Trees in Sequoia National Park aren't as big as their coastal brothers, some of which grow to over 300 feet in height.

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Vietnam vets support troops

Spec. John W. Crosby
115th Mobile Public Affairs
Detachment

"Never again shall one generation of veterans abandon another," reads the motto of the 899th Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

The members of the 899th live by this motto, which is evident in the extra time they take out of their lives to support today's veterans.

The 899th spends time with Soldiers of C Co., Medical Review Processing Unit every Monday night on Fort Dix.

C Co., MRP is a medical hold unit that transitions ill and injured Soldiers back into the fight.

"Our goal is to try to make the transition for Soldiers back into the civilian world or back into the Army as quick and painless as possible," said C Co., MRP 1st Sgt. John Humphreys.

"It's kind of like our own little Walter Reed here," said Michael Engi, 899th president.

"We try to get the troops out of their rooms and socialize a little bit. They like us here."

Engi said they will have been coming to Fort Dix for three years in November. Supporting the veterans of today is their full-time job, and they work 24/7.

They show up to every flight at McGuire Air Force Base departing to and returning home from The Global War on Terrorism regardless of what time it is, day or night.

"We line up 15 to 20 of us and shake every Soldier's hand that walks off of that plane," Engi said. "We are the first thing they see when they get



Spec. John W. Crosby

POKER FACE -- From Left: Army Sgt. Jim Clearwater, a Soldier attached to the C Co. Medical Review Processing Unit, President of the 899th Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America Michael Engi, and Spec. Shane Cartwright, another C Co. Soldier, participate in a traditional Monday night poker game at the new Wounded Warrior facility at Fort Dix.

home and hopefully they pick up where we left off, for those of us who didn't get hand shakes. No parade could give

"We're all combat veterans, and we share a common bond with our Soldiers returning home that no counselor could ever give us. We do this today because we didn't receive the same support in Vietnam."

—Michael Engi

us what you guys give us everyday by doing what you do and the respect you give us."

Engi said the 899th is a bunch of retired Vietnam combat veterans banded together to support today's veterans.

"Some of us have purple hearts and many of us suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder," he said. "We're all

having this group of guys around," said Spec. Brandon J. Glass, a C Co. Soldier.

"I look forward to every Monday night poker game, and the food they bring is a nice break from the chow hall food."

Glass has been playing Monday night Texas Hold 'Em games with the 899th since he arrived here in April.

"They're a great group of guys. If you need anything at any time they come and help you out," Glass said.

Engi said it benefits him as much as it does the Soldiers he supports.

"It's a mutual bond and understanding between combat veterans," he said.

"We help each other overcome the past."

Engi said the 899th's goal is to get the veterans of today to carry on their mission and to support the veterans of tomorrow. And to never again allow a generation of veterans abandon another.

Barracks named for local hero —

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enemy position. Chiomento was struck by a rocket propelled grenade and instantly killed.

By leading from the front, his sacrifice saved many of his fellow Soldiers' lives. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Army Commendation Medal with Valor for his actions.

"It's okay to smile and to feel joy," said Stacy Chiomento, the fallen Soldier's wife, struggling through tears on the cloudy Friday morning. "All of you Soldiers who are coming home have a mission to wake up everyday and not feel guilty for living your life. That's what my husband would want. I don't want my daughters to go through life feeling guilty for being happy. Neither should I, and Soldiers shouldn't either."

The official party for the ceremony included Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment Hon. Keith Eastin, Installation Commander Col. David McNeil, Chaplain Col. David Forden, and Command Sgt. Maj. Albert Davidson.

Other speakers included 1st Sgt. Chip Mezzalana, who served with Chiomento, and New Jersey Congressman Frank LoBiondo.

"I asked a man why he believed America is the greatest nation in the world," LoBiondo said.

"Because we are so industrialized and we have the world's largest military," the man replied. That's part of it, but he missed the point. What makes this nation the greatest nation on earth is heroes like Staff. Sgt. Robert Chiomento, who sacrifice everything they have for the safety of our nation," he said.

The Staff Sgt. Robert J. Chiomento II Wounded Warrior Facility will house injured and wounded Soldiers deploying to and returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, and help those Soldiers recover from their wounds and return to duty.

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photos by Ed Mingin

EARTHBOUND — British Paratroopers from the 4th Parachute Regiment end a training jump at Coyle Field, part of a two-week joint training exercise dubbed Operation Black Warrior. The unit is bound for Afghanistan, and took the opportunity to train with American troops at Fort Dix as part of the preparation for working in the joint operations environment there. Far right, Pvt. Steve Ivanovitch shares water survival training at the Fort Dix Pool July 1 with one of dozens of rubber ducks tossed in the pool by instructors as examples of how to float.



AIR ASSAULT — An attack on the Military Operations In Urban Terrain site on Fort Dix was part of the training, and Pvt. Brandon Wadsworth, left, joins in securing a building at the site during training with American Soldiers. Below, the Soldiers learn techniques for clearing structures and working together to provide cover during the assault.

Out of the office, into the air: Paratroopers float through training

Spec. Felicia Whatley
65th PAOC

British and U.S. troops jumped out of the office and into the warm summer air. Operation Black Warrior commenced June 27 as 125 reserve Soldiers parachuted from Chinooks at Coyle Field Air-
port in New Jersey as an annual training exercise.

"It is the most exciting thing I can think of with the adrenaline pumping. It is truly an indescribable feeling," said Spec. Kenneth A. Golden, a rigger from Cochran, Ga.

When he tells his family and sheet metal fabricator coworkers about the different places he's gone and the people he's met while jumping, they don't believe him until they see the photos, he said. The weather was important in deciding whether or not to jump. A single Soldier with a yellow chute dispersed from the Chinook and slowly drifted from 1,500 feet toward the ground. This was to check the wind. If the wind was above a 13 knots or rainy, the jump would be called off.

After the Soldier with the yellow chute landed and the pair of Chinooks finished their flyby, they came around for the first of many drops.

The sky soon filled with green chutes as airborne allies floated freely. Every 90 days these Soldiers are required to complete a jump to keep their airborne status.

Soldiers gave various reasons for wanting to throw themselves out of a moving helicopter or airplane. For many, the adrenaline thrill of jumping is a break in the office routine. For some, it is the fear.

"I'm afraid of heights. I wanted to overcome that fear so I started jumping over 15 years ago," said Sgt. Maj. Jimmy Flowers of the 81st Ready Reserve Command, a fulltime employee of Gulf Stream Aerospace in Savannah, Ga.

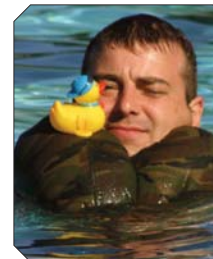
Even administrative clerks are looking for a way out of the office and into air. Spec. Stephanie L. Strickland, an administrative specialist, transferred out of the paperwork and into a parachute.

"I will be going to airborne school soon. I like this better being out of the office. My family is a little worried and the (physical training) is more strenuous, but I am ready to do this," said Spec. Stephanie L. Strickland.

British Lance Cpl. Richard C. Ryan, a veteran of the Iraq war, earned his "American wings" at Fort Bragg, N.C. He said Americans do larger scale maneuvers than the British. Jumping is an exhilarating escape from his civilian job as a lawyer, he said.

"This is more exciting than being in a courtroom. When I deployed to Iraq in 2003 during the invasion, I worked with U.S. armored tank battalions destroying enemy tanks. Here, I work as combat medic to assist the jumpers," said Ryan.

The joint effort Operation Black Warrior heightened morale as the training flew by. After the training Soldiers will put away their parachutes for a brief time, then complete preparation for mobilization in support of the Global War On Terrorism.



TAKING WINGS — Col. R. David McNeil, installation commander, presents members of the regiment with U.S. jump wings at the end of the two-week training session at Fort Dix. With him is Cpt. Eric Friebis, who served as the embedded liaison officer for the unit. Below, Soldiers from the regiment spread across the Outdoor Pool for water survival training.



MILITARY MATTERS

Bullets

Civilian director takes over military pathology institute

●WASHINGTON, Army News Service, June 25, 2007 - The Executive Agent for the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology transferred the responsibility of that Department of Defense organization from the outgoing military director to the incoming civilian director in a traditional ceremony held in front of the AFIP building today. This historic event took place at 9:00 a.m., followed by a reception at the AFIP National Museum of Health and Medicine.

Maj. Gen. Gale S. Pollock, Acting Army Surgeon General, transferred responsibility for the organization from outgoing director Col. Renata B. Greenspan, MC, USA, to incoming director Florabel G. Mullick, M.D., Sc.D., Senior Executive Service.

This event marks the first time since its founding in 1862 that the AFIP will be led by a civilian director. Also unique, and perhaps a first in the Department of Defense, is the fact that the three principal participants in the ceremony are high ranking federal career women.

The AFIP is a multi-faceted entity comprised of over 800 staff from all branches of the military service, federal government and civilian contracting agencies. Serving as a world-wide referral source for second opinion pathology, the AFIP provides the department of defense and other federal partners with the Office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner and Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratories and Repository, and hosts a well-known pathology-radiology training seminar and substantial research activities in support of the Global War on Terror and Homeland Defense.

America's Army video game celebrates Fifth anniversary

●WEST POINT, N.Y., Army News Service, June 29, 2007 - July 4 marks the fifth anniversary of the launch of America's Army, the Army's computer game and one of the top-ten online games.

It also marks the launch of a new Web site, www.americasarmy.com.

America's Army players go through boot camp, ranger and airborne training and even experience the elite special forces. They learn about rules of engagement, life-saving skills and the Army Values - loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

"The America's Army game places Soldiering front and center within popular culture and showcases the high-tech, team-oriented and values-driven nature of the Army," said Col. Casey Wardynski, originator of the America's Army game.

Since its debut in 2002, the America's Army program has registered more than 8.5 million users in over 60 countries, and expanded to include console and cell-phone games, the Real Heroes program and the Virtual Army Experience. The game has been downloaded more than 40 million times, and players have spent more than 200 million hours, or 3.5 billion rounds of play, experiencing life as Soldiers.

"The America's Army game reflects the true Army, from its values to its cutting edge technology to its training," said Sgt. Tommy Rismann, whose likeness is portrayed by a character in America's Real Heroes. "It's exciting to think about all of the ways this program can tell our story."

The new Web site features the Army Combat Uniform digital-camouflage pattern and new content that provides a sneak peek at America's Army 3.0, scheduled to launch in 2008.

In conjunction with video-game publisher Ubisoft, the Army also developed such games as "America's Army: Special Operations" for cell phones and "America's Army: Rise of a Soldier" for Xbox. The next game, "America's Army: True Soldiers," will release for Xbox 360(tm) this fall.

The Real Heroes program tells the stories of Soldiers who received awards for courage in the war on terror through the America's Army game and a line of action figures. The program is featured at www.americasarmy.com/realheroes.

Participants in the Virtual Army Experience must employ teamwork, leadership and high-tech equipment as they take part in a hands-on virtual mission to capture a terrorist leader in a 10,000 square-foot interactive exhibit. The VAE schedule is located at vae.americasarmy.com.

Military reports increase in mobilized Guard, Reserve

This week, the Army and Navy announced an increase, while the Marine Corps and Air Force had a decrease. The Coast Guard number remained the same. The net collective result is 1,254 more reservists mobilized than last week.

This brings the total National Guard and Reserve personnel, who have been mobilized, to 93,716, including both units and individual augmentees.

A cumulative roster of all National Guard and Reserve personnel, who are currently mobilized, can be found at <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Jun2007/d20070627nrgpdf>.

TRADOC reveals new initiatives

Steven Hoover
Army News Service

CHIEVRES, Belgium, June 22, 2007 - "Supporting an Army at War" and "Our Bench for Tomorrow Starts Here" were two major themes addressed by leaders of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command during their recent visit to the SHAPE/Chievres area.

Gen. William S. Wallace, TRADOC commanding general, and his top noncommissioned officer, Command Sgt. Maj. John D. Sparks, briefed Soldiers and civilians assigned within the Benelux footprint on current and future programs that will impact the Army.

"We at TRADOC believe that victory starts at TRADOC. It is not that we fight the fight, but it starts at our centers, schools, classrooms and ranges across (the command). This is where the foundation of our great Army comes. It is the location where all Soldiers, regardless of rank, is assigned at some time or another in their career, whether their training has just begun or their education is (being) advanced," said Wallace.

"TRADOC," he added, "is the architect of the Army and is thinking of what the future of our Army should be like." While Wallace spoke at Caserne Daumerie, Sparks informed Soldiers at SHAPE on similar topics, especially the fact that the tempo for new recruits has changed with Initial Entry Training.

"IET now focuses on preparing Soldiers for arrival at their first unit," Sparks said. Previously, the emphasis was on Soldierization and Military Occupational Specialties, but the focus of training today, Sparks noted, is on the skills



file photo

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE -- Soldiers at the Fort Dix NCO Academy, above, and throughout the Army will see big changes as the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command reveals its plans for the future.

and battle drills "required to fight and survive in combat."

TRADOC, he said, is preparing Soldiers to contribute immediately upon arrival to the field because "within six months of graduation, about half of the Soldiers will be going to units that are deployed or will soon deploy."

He said that NCOES transformation will: Embrace career-long learning; stay relevant to an Army at war; support a modular force; create a joint and expeditionary mindset; develop NCOs who can successfully lead Soldiers into combat; capitalize on Soldier experience; incorporate Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills; and leverage technology.

"The role of the NCO is changing," Sparks said. "We need to assess our culture and

how the NCO supports our future Army."

He then touched on AL21, or Army Leaders for the 21st Century, an initiative developed after TRADOC surveyed more than 2,600 Soldiers, reviewed lessons-learned reports and received input from senior leaders.

Out of AL21 comes "The NCO Pentathlete," Sparks said, "who is effective in any environment and proficient in all aspects of being a Soldier." Sparks said this vision calls for an NCO who is "an innovative, competent professional enlisted leader grounded in heritage, values and tradition that embodies Warrior Ethos; champions continuous learning; and is capable of leading, training and motivating Soldiers."

"AL21 calls for an adaptive leader who is proficient in joint and combined expeditionary warfare and continuous, simultaneous full-spectrum operations, and is resilient to uncertain and ambiguous environments."

Sparks also provided insight into a new initiative called "Warrior University" and the "Army Career Tracker," which provides every Soldier with an accurate, individualized career roadmap. It is a system that allows for Soldiers, as they finish various stages of training during their careers, to be automatically rewarded with college credits. When the program is fully implemented, Soldiers will have 128 different colleges to choose from where to obtain a degree in their Army profession.

Great Getaways Sweepstakes open

Tim Hipps
Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 25, 2007 - Authorized Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons have a chance to win an all-inclusive "Great Getaways" vacation package for two at any of the four Armed Forces Recreation Centers.

The AFRCs provide servicemembers, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and their families a "great getaway" at four world-class destinations: Dragon Hill Lodge in Seoul, South Korea; Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany; Hale Koa Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii; and Shades of Green on Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

To win the Great Getaways Sweepstakes' grand prize, participants must register at www.afrcresorts.com/sweepstakes before Aug. 31.

The grand prize consists of an all-inclusive vacation package for two, including a seven-night stay at the resort of the winner's choice, round-trip airfare for two, a seven-day car rental and a set of luggage.



Tim Hipps

MORALE AND THE MOUSE -- Shades of Green Armed Forces Recreation Center at Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., is one of four destinations available to the winner of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation-sponsored "Great Getaways" vacation package.

Contestants can also win such prizes as Sony digital cameras, Sony PlayStation Portables, a set of golf clubs or \$100 gift cards.

Servicemembers and authorized MWR patrons can

book reservations for any AFRC www.afrcresorts.com.

AFRCs are run by the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command based in Alexandria. FMWRC's mission is to provide Soldiers and their families with the same quality of life they are sworn to protect.

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Combat-support company Soldiers prep for Global War on Terrorism



photos by Ryan Morton

Pfc. Aaron Gifford of the 735th Combat Support Company, Missouri National Guard, above, pulls security atop a humvee as his unit undergoes mobilization training at Fort Dix. The Soldiers practiced caring for casualty, above left, vehicle procedures, left, and checkpoint security, below. The unit is preparing for a deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism.



Brothers make Army family affair

Ryan Morton
Public Affairs Staff

With the Global War on Terrorism in full swing, so many families have to deal with the harsh realities of what war presents. For parents, spouses, kids, and friends, it usually means having to say good-bye to loved ones for an indefinite period of time.

For most in these situations, they will usually see only one or two loved ones off. But for some, they have to bid farewell to even more.

Joyce Stahlschmidt had to do just that.

She is a mother of 11 children with four currently serving in the Army, and all either are or soon will be serving in Iraq. Her oldest son, Spc. Joshua Stahlschmidt, an electrician, is currently training with his unit, the 735th Combat Support Company, a part of the Missouri National Guard hailing from De Soto, Mo. Joshua and his unit are finishing up their training at Dix in preparation for a deployment to Iraq.

That is just the beginning. Stahlschmidt has three other

brothers who are either already there, or like himself, will be in route soon enough. His brother Pete is an Airborne Soldier and welder who is part of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. He is now in Iraq after deploying with his unit about a month ago. His other brother Daniel is a mechanic stationed in Germany, and is currently serving in Ramadi, Iraq. He has been there for about a year and has recently been extended with the rest of his unit until December. Last, but not least, is his brother Sam, who works in supply and serves at Fort Carson, Co. He just returned from Iraq a couple of months ago, but is scheduled to deploy back there in December with his unit.

For Stahlschmidt, this is his first combat deployment, but he knows he can look to his brothers for much guidance from their experiences.

"It's great because my brothers can give me their two cents worth or pointers on what to do, what to bring, and just fill me in on the things I might need to know over there," he said.

The brothers have not all been together in three years



Ryan Morton

Spc. Joshua Stahlschmidt

due to military commitments, but could very well see each other at some point in Iraq in the near future. In the meantime, they have been able to keep in touch primarily through e-mail, especially through the site called My Space, where they can send messages to one another's particular pages.

The Stahlschmidt brothers' story has garnered national attention. CNN did a story and interview with the mother and brothers that aired in mid-June on the "Paula Zahn Now"

show. For Joyce, this is a time of intense, and at times, overwhelming anxiety.

"Reality smacks you straight in the face, and it's like, I know this is coming. I knew it was coming, but here it is. This is the day," she told CNN.

Joyce draws from her faith to help guide her and her sons through this difficult time.

"I believe in God. I believe it's more than just a stray bullet or what might happen. So, I refuse to even give place to the idea of odds," she said.

Counterdrug to field upgraded equipment

ARLINGTON, Va. - Citizens-Soldiers and -Airmen in the ground reconnaissance, civil operations, and criminal analysis fields will see new and/or upgraded equipment between now and next fiscal year.

That's because the National Guard Bureau Domestic Operations Counterdrug Program has purchased millions of dollars worth of equipment to improve state programs.

The purchases were made possible with the combination of Counterdrug end-of-year funds and Army Program Executive Office Soldier funds.

"National Guard Bureau is definitely looking forward in regards to how ground reconnaissance supports law enforcement," said Army Guard Maj. Jeff Newman, logistics officer, California National Guard. "The fielding and receipting of this specialized equipment validates NGB Counterdrug's response from the field."

Each of the 54 programs will receive a set number of hand-held thermal imagers, with 559 dispensed at the cost of \$12.4 million, provided by PEO Soldier funds from the U.S. Army.

Soldiers and Airmen trained in ground reconnaissance will use the equipment in detecting illegal drug activity in operations they support to law enforcement agencies across the country. All the equipment will be released in phases as it becomes available. Additional gear purchased for the surveillance teams and criminal analysis include binoculars, bullet-proof vests, cameras, satellite phones, goggles, holsters and more.

Future purchases include Zodiac boats and a low ropes kits for states that are in need of them. Those purchases will use end-of-year funds the states or other programs were not able to execute.

Senior leadership says this equipment will provide an increased accountability to the program because standardizing equipment in all programs is simply the right way of doing business.

"What we bring to the table will be operable by everyone across the multiple jurisdictions we support. Additionally, the purchase of this equipment in bulk results in significant savings," said Air Guard Col. William Carle, chief, NG Bureau J3 Counterdrug Division.

NCO Call at Club Dix
Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.

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Spirits soar during July 4 celebration



photos by David Moore



Spc. Nicholas Meyer, Bravo Company, 1/175 Infantry, and girlfriend Christina Haynas, left, enjoy the July 4 celebration at Fort Dix. Entertainment included the Army Reserve's 99th Regional Sustainment Command Checkpoint band, top, and fireworks, above.

Staff Sgt. Russell Bassett, 115th MPAD



Carolee Nisbet

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -- A new group of Honorary Commanders is sworn in at Club Dix July 4.

New Honorary Commanders sworn in on nation's birthday

On July 4, Fort Dix celebrated the birth of the nation and the continuation of a successful community outreach effort as more than a dozen people at Club Dix took an oath to become Honorary Commanders.

The Honorary Commanders program brings a mixture of regional business and civic leaders together to learn more about the installation and the important missions being performed every day.

The group is invited to annual events such as Team Dix Day, the Prayer Breakfast and Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. There are tours and briefings for the members to broaden their knowledge of the military.

In return, the installation can gain from the ability to pick the brains of the Honorary Commanders and learn from their civilian experiences. This sharing of knowledge was

one of the goals envisioned by installation commander Col. R. David McNeil. The Honorary Commanders program is patterned after a similar one in place at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.

The Honorary Commanders will be invited to memorialization ceremonies, 'welcome home' ceremonies and changes of command, both at the installation and tenant organization levels, adding to their participation in Fort Dix activities.

Taking the oath to become Honorary Commanders were Patricia Donohue, Paul Braun, Mike Engi, Aubrey Fenton, Brian Freeman, Earl Hall, Jim Hall, Norm Harkins, Ed Kelly, Don Koos, Nelson Mellitz, Charles Middleberg, Robert Richter, Dennis Roehr, Erik Spevak, Jim Williams and Robert Winzinger.

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forces killed an estimated 25 terrorists and the enemy fire stopped. The patrol also observed secondary explosions coming from within the palm grove.

Throughout the firefight, a nearby mosque was broadcasting chants for local residents to "rise up against" the coalition forces; the chants were later replaced by a voice that seemed to be giving orders, coalition officials said.

Two suspected terrorists were injured in the engagement and were transported to a military medical facility for treatment.

Searches of the area during the operation uncovered weapons caches containing fire extinguishers rigged as improvised explosive devices, mortar rounds, RPG rounds and small arms. Coalition Forces detained five suspected terrorists.

In Baghdad today, U.S. attack helicopter crews engaged a group of terrorists attempting to fire a rocket toward the International Zone.

Apaches were conducting aerial reconnaissance when they spotted terrorists emplacing a rocket in the eastern Sadr City. The crews identified 10-15 terrorists who dispersed as the Apache crews closed in on their position.

The Apache crews engaged a van and two sedans in which the terrorists fled the site. The crews also fired on the rocket system. The engagement resulted in three enemy vehicles and a rocket system destroyed.

In Mosul, Iraqi security forces detained an alleged insurgent religious leader, yesterday.

Iraqi forces raided several residences in a Mosul neighborhood and captured their primary target without incident. Three other suspicious individuals present during the raid were also detained.

But the enemy hasn't given up on attacking Iraqi civilians. Five Iraqis were killed and 20 more wounded when a car bomb detonated in the Sha'ab neighborhood on the east side of the Iraqi capital July 2.

The explosion ignited a large fire on the street, fire trucks and ambulances responded. Iraqi National Police officers responded, secured the area and set up a cordon to protect residents from further attacks.

They also rendered aid to the wounded and questioned witnesses.

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ACS to host Exceptional Family Member games

The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is sponsoring an EFMP Summer Games for EFMP members from Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Monmouth and Naval Air Engineering Station Lakehurst military communities Aug. 25 at John Mann Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Games include basketball, baseball, horseshoes, swimming, bowling, relay races and other competitions for EFMP and Family members. Prizes and trophies will be awarded.

Registration is mandatory and will be held June 25 through Aug. 3. Call Evelyn Dingle, EFMP manager, at 562-2767 for more information or to register.

State to offer Army retiree license plates

The Fort Dix Retiree Council would like to solicit your help in supporting the New Jersey Retired Army Retiree License Plate Initiative.

In order to apply for the New Jersey Retired Army plates, 150 applicants are required. There is a fee of \$15 for each set of license plates per car.

To apply, call retired Command Sgt. Maj. Walker at 351-5020, retired 1st Sgt. Tamayo at 670-3586, or the RSO at 562-2666. Information needed is name, rank, address, and current license plate number.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Fort Dix Retiree Council. Only N.J. residents can apply.

Garden Terrace 1100 Area fencing to begin July 2

Beginning July 2, the Garden Terrace 1100 Area will be fenced off to become part of the Garden Terrace construction area. No families will be residing in the 1100 Area when this change occurs.

The additional fencing will not affect access to any other portion of Fort Dix. Access to the Fort Dix Youth Center and the Garden Terrace 1200, 1500, and 1600 housing areas will continue to be via West 10th Street off of New Jersey Avenue. Access to the Fort Dix Elementary School and the Juliestown Road checkpoint will continue to be via Montpelier Street off of New Jersey Avenue. The portion of Juliestown Road between Montpelier Street and West 10th Street will continue to be temporarily closed. The detours signs will remain in place to direct traffic.

The Juliestown Road checkpoint will be unaffected by this change. The purpose of the fencing is to provide a construction area that is independently fenced off from the remainder of the Fort Dix cantonment area.

This will alleviate the need for hundreds of construction personnel to access any on-post housing area. It will also prevent the need to route construction vehicles through the installation to the housing area from the Commercial Vehicle Gate.

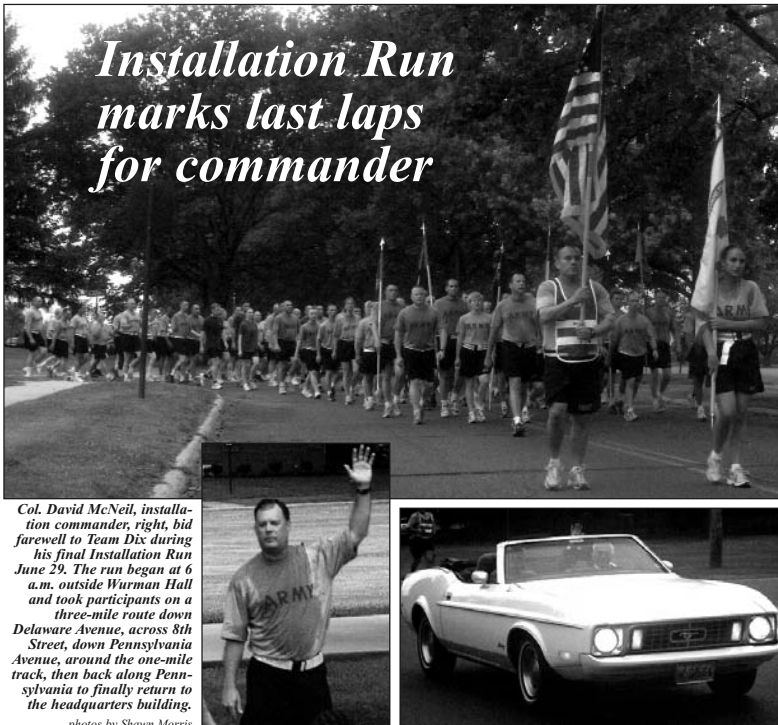
The fencing will prevent heavy construction traffic from entering adjoining residential neighborhoods, thus protecting neighborhood children from traffic as well as from other ongoing construction activities. The fencing will also allow for a smoother construction flow which should shorten the amount of time for project completion by one year thus lessening the inconvenience to neighboring residents.

Construction in the 1100 Area will last about 1.5 years. As construction areas are completed, they will be removed from the fenced-in construction area as soon as possible. Throughout the project United Communities will try to meld convenience to neighboring residents with the safety and performance of construction activities.

Fines to increase for N.J. traffic violations

Starting Aug. 15, the price of a ticket for violation of New Jersey Law 39:3-29 (Failure to show your driver's license, registration or insurance card at the time you are stopped) is increasing from \$44 to \$173, or \$519 for all three.

Installation Run marks last laps for commander



Col. David McNeil, installation commander, right, bid farewell to Team Dix during his final Installation Run June 29. The run began at 6 a.m. outside Wurman Hall and took participants on a three-mile route down Delaware Avenue, across 8th Street, down Pennsylvania Avenue, around the one-mile track, then back along Pennsylvania to finally return to the headquarters building.

photos by Shawn Morris



Steve Whitmore, chief of operations, Directorate of Public Works, led the run in his convertible Mustang, above, with Dave Peckham, director, DPW, riding shotgun. Many top players from the installation joined in the run on foot or in vehicles, including Bob Lichtner, garrison manager, Bob Cole, director, Directorate of Logistics, Steve Mele, director, Directorate of Public Safety, Dennis Bush, director, Directorate of Plans, Training and Mobilization, Sarah Johnson, director, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Henry Melon-Lopez, director, Human Resources-Military.

TRICARE offers coverage options for kids

FALLS CHURCH, Va., June 27, 2007 — As college students enter young adulthood, probably the last thing on their minds is health care. They're young, feel great—no worries, right?

But to keep feeling great, preventive measures are critical: stay healthy and that includes making sure health care coverage is there when they need it. TRICARE wants eligible families to know the options available to stay "covered."

TRICARE coverage for military children normally ends at age 21. But full-time students enrolled at an accredited institution of higher education with a sponsor providing more than 50 percent of financial support may be eligible for TRICARE coverage until age 23, or when their full-time student status ends, whichever comes first. Only family members of active duty or retired service members are eligible for this benefit.

To prevent a lapse in TRICARE coverage, TRICARE officials remind students to call or visit the nearest uniformed services ID card-issuing facility and ask about documentation needed to extend benefits beyond their twenty-first birthday. It's important to make changes before turning 21 to avoid automatic termination of TRICARE coverage.

The nearest ID card-issuing facility can be located at www.dmdc.osd.mil/rls/owa/home.

If the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System has correct contact information, beneficiaries will get a reminder letter approximately 90 days before they turn 21.

Officials also emphasize that the children of TRICARE beneficiaries are generally no longer eligible for TRICARE benefits when they turn 23 years old regardless of student status. For example, if a beneficiary turned 23 on Jan. 3, 2007, but didn't graduate

until May 2007, he or she lost coverage at midnight on Jan. 2.

Individuals who lose eligibility for TRICARE coverage under the military health system may be eligible for temporary health care coverage in the premium-based Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP). Eligible individuals may purchase comprehensive health coverage for up to 36 months. While CHCBP is not part of TRICARE, it uses existing TRICARE providers and offers benefits comparable to TRICARE Standard.

To get CHCBP, eligible individuals must enroll within 60 days after losing eligibility for TRICARE coverage. The premiums for this cover-

age are currently \$933 per quarter for individuals. Coverage is limited to 36 months.

Humana Military Healthcare Services, Inc., administers CHCBP for the Defense Department. Call 1-800-444-5445 or visit their Web site, www.humana-military.com, for eligibility and enrollment information.



Ryan Morton

Going the extra yard

Air Force Tech Sgt. Randall Heining, holding certificate, his wife Jennifer and children Jacob and Anna are presented with a "Yard of the Month" award June 28 by Command Sgt. Maj. Ken Davidson, Fort Dix command sergeant major, left, and Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Brian Mosier, McGuire Air Force Base, right. Heining's daughter Sarah is not pictured. The Yard of the Month competition is held throughout the summer months to recognize those residents who go above and beyond the call of lawn-care duty.

Top guns aim for marksmanship title

Sgt. Shawn Morris
444th MPAD

For many Soldiers, being proficient with a firearm is a necessary task for keeping fit to fight. For some, it can be a daunting endeavor requiring hours of practice.

But for a select few, proficiency is only a starting point, and the hours of practice put in are needed not to meet the standard, but to blow it away.

Service members from this elite group of sharpshooters gathered at Fort Dix June 22-24 to compete in the New Jersey National Guard's 2007 Adjutant General's Combat Championships.

The event consisted of three matches: Precision Combat Rifle, Combat Service Pistol and Combat Service Pistol EIC (Excellence In Competition). Nearly three-dozen shooters aimed for perfection in a competition where a fraction of an inch could separate the winners from the losers.

Maj. Ken Kurtz of the 108th Air Refueling Wing placed first in the rifle match, while Tech. Sgt. Donald Smith of that same unit took first place in both the pistol and EIC matches and third in the rifle match. The 108th also won as a team for all three matches, aided by the contribution of 108th member Lt. Col. Andrew Kublik, who took second place in the EIC match.

First Lt. Benjamin Stoner of the 250th Brigade Support Battalion placed second in the rifle match and third in the pistol match. He credits his success to a lifetime of shooting.

"I began my familiarization with firearms when I was 10 years old and my father used to take me shotgun hunting after I completed the N.J. Hunter Education Safety Course," he explained. "My father took the time to show me the proper handling, operation, aiming and firing of a firearm."

"Good Army Marksmanship training, however, is what helped me to hone in on my skills and become a better marksman," he added.

For Stoner, this competition is one in a long line dating back to his youth. "My first shooting competition was a 'turkey shoot' at the Moose Lodge in Jackson, where I beat all the adults and took home the turkey for Thanksgiving dinner," he recalled. "When I was 16 years old, I competed in an NRA-sponsored National Police Explorer Youth Pistol Compe-

tion in Boulder, Colorado, where I placed sixth overall, and first in rapid fire, out of about 3,000 competitors." Although Stoner has years of experience, the AG competition still presented a challenge.

"Firing with a weapon not perfectly zeroed and dealing with the 10- to 15-MPH wind had to be the most challenging part of this competition," he said. "Everything else went smoothly, thanks to the great efforts of the organizers, support staff, and guest instructors from the N.Y. Army National Guard Marksmanship Team."

"I still learn something new every time I go to the range," he said. "The day I stop learning is the day I stop fighting." Rounding out the competition were Sgt. 1st Class Andrzej Ropel, who placed second in the pistol match, and Sgt. Donald Seymour, who took third in the EIC match.



photos by Sgt. Shawn Morris, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

FIRE UP -- Soldiers and Airmen from the New Jersey National Guard compete in the Combat Service Pistol EIC (Excellence In Competition) Match portion of the 2007 Adjutant General's Combat Championships held June 22-24 on Fort Dix. Sgt. Chris O'Brien, Charlie Company, 1/224th Aviation, left, loads his magazine in preparation for the match.



Sgt. Shawn Morris



Staff Sgt. Joe Donnelly, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

UP AND DOWNRANGE -- New Jersey National Guard Soldiers and Airmen compete in the Combat Rifle Match portion of the 2007 Adjutant General's Combat Championships held June 22-24 on Fort Dix. Awards were given for both individual and team winners in the Combat Rifle, Combat Service Pistol, and Combat Service Pistol EIC matches.

ON TARGET -- First Lt. Sarah Moore, Alpha Company, 2/104th Aviation, right, scores O'Brien following a firing iteration during the adjutant general's shooting match June 24. Moore competed in the next round of competition.



Field artillery Soldiers set sights on training

Sgt. Terric Neighbors, left, Spc. Steven Rodriguez, near right, and 1st Lt. Joe Sereno, far right, all of the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion, plan their next move during mobilization training at Fort Dix.



Soldiers from the 133rd Field Artillery Battalion, left, evacuate a mock casualty during mobilization training at Fort Dix, while Spc. Robert Scott, right, keeps an eye out for the enemy.

photos by Ryan Morton

Vintage tanks offer glimpse into history

Staff Sgt. Margaret C. Nelson
115th MPAD

The Fort Dix Museum, in its ongoing efforts to "preserve history for future generations," added two M60-A3 tanks and one M-41 to its collection.

The M60-A3s are prominently displayed at Doughboy Field's parade grounds, and the M-41 has been added alongside the other military vehicles that adorn Infantry Park.

"These tanks were the models for the tanks of today," Daniel Zimmerman, Fort Dix museum curator said. "Both tanks have been phased out of existence, and while they may be a dime-a-dozen now, once they are gone. In a few years people will forget what they look like. Fort Dix may be one of the only places to see them."

Zimmerman referenced the 1907, 3.7" gun that sits in front of the museum that is one of only 20 in existence. "That gun was donated to us by the Ohio National Guard. It was a transitional piece between wood and metal wheels ... ours has rubber wheels. It is a rare piece," he said.

The tanks came from Troop C, 9th Cavalry, 157th Brigade of Horsham, Pa. The troop had them stored in the Unit, Training, Equipment Sight, a storage facility here.

"The unit had to turn them in, and to save money in shipping and other miscellaneous costs, they gave us a call and asked if we wanted them," Zimmerman said. "We in turn contacted the U.S. Army Center of Military History and the Tank Automotive Command at Warren, Michigan for permission. Both gave their consent

for us to keep them as Army artifacts."

Fort Dix does have a bit of tank folklore in its own history.

"During World War I, the British brought a tank here to give the Americans an idea as to what was being utilized on the battlefield. That was the first tank to make its appearance here at Fort Dix and a first for the Soldiers that saw it," Zimmerman said. "As the tank was being driven through the woods, it flipped over on its side ... the men righted it with three ropes ... three ropes. Can you imagine trying that on an M-1?"

The tanks were loaded onto flat bed trucks by a crane and transported across the fort with a police escort.

"It was quite an ordeal to move them," Zimmerman said. "These tanks weigh around 50 to 55 tons a piece. The tanks' tracks had to be placed just right on those flat beds so they didn't move with a portion hanging over each side. ... I'm glad it's done."

The M-60 Patton was the fourth and last in the Patton series of medium tanks utilized by the Army from 1960 through the 1990s. That family of tanks is named after Gen. George S. Patton, commander of the 3rd Army during World War II and one of its biggest advocates.

The M-41 Walker Bulldog initially named the "Little Bulldog" was renamed "Walker Bulldog" after Gen. Walton Walker, who was killed in 1950 in Korea as a result of a jeep accident. The M-41 was successfully utilized during the Vietnam War for internal security missions. It was reported that its guns were effective against North Vietnamese armor, including the T-54.



photos by Pvt. Kirby Rider, 115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

AWESOME ARMOR — Jimmy Anderson, a heavy equipment mechanic from the Department of Readiness, left, welds metal plates onto a tank to help prevent climbing children from becoming injured. Three tanks were donated to the Fort Dix Museum from the 157th Brigade from Horsham, Pa.; two M-60A3s on display on either side of the parade stand on Doughboy Field, and a M-41 Walker-Bulldog that resides in Infantry Park, above.

Civil Air Patrol cadets reach new heights



More than 150 Civil Air Patrol cadets and adult officers had a great workout July 4 tackling the confidence course and obstacle course at Fort Dix with help from 417th Infantry drill sergeants. Some of the challenges cadets faced were working their way over barriers, left, and through horizontal bars, right. The CAP members were on Fort Dix this week for the annual New Jersey Wing Basic Encampment, the cornerstone of the organization's cadet program for kids age 12-18. By all reports, the cadets had a great time as their "war cries" could be heard more than a quarter mile away.

courtesy photos



Announcements



Movie Schedule

at the McGuire AFB Theatre
Movie Hotline 754-5139

Friday, July 6 @ 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Brooks - Kevin Costner, Demi Moore, Dane Cook, William Hurt - Academy Award winner Kevin Costner stars as Earl Brooks, a man who has managed to keep his two incompatible worlds from intersecting by controlling his cunning, wicked alter ego Marshall (Academy Award winner William Hurt) whom he blames for his wrongdoings. But now, as Mr. Brooks succumbs to one last murderous urge, an amateur photographer (Dane Cook) witnesses the crime. Suddenly Brooks finds himself entangled in the dark agenda of an opportunistic bystander, as well as hunted by the unorthodox and tenacious detective Tracy Arwood (Demi Moore).

MPAA Rating: R Run time: 120 minutes

Saturday, July 7 @ 7:30 p.m.

Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End - Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Geoffrey Rush - Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley) are allied with Captain Barbosa (Geoffrey Rush) in a desperate quest to free Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) from his mind-bending trap in Davy Jones' Locker while the terrifying ghost ship, the Flying Dutchman and Davy Jones, under the control of the East India Trading Company, wreaks havoc across The Seven Seas. Navigating through treachery, betrayal and wild waters, they must forge their way to exotic Singapore and confront the cunning Chinese pirate Sao Feng (Chow Yun-Fat).

MPAA Rating: PG-13 Run time: 168 minutes

* SPECIAL MATINEE *

Saturday, July 7 @ 3 p.m.

Shrek the Third - Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Antonio Banderas - When Shrek married Fiona, the last thing he had in mind was becoming the next King. But when Shrek's father-in-law, King Harold, suddenly croaks, that is exactly what he faces. Unless Shrek (with the help of his trusted companions Donkey and Puss in Boots) can find a suitable King for Far Far Away, the ogre could be stuck with the job. The most promising candidate, Fiona's cousin Artie, an underachieving Medieval high school slacker, proves to be more of a challenge than they bargained for.

MPAA Rating: PG Run time: 92 minutes

Main Chapel

562-2020

Sunday Services

Protestant at 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Catholic Mass at 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Gospel at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Catholic CCD is held at 9:15 a.m.

Camp Victory
in Chaplain's Tent
General Christian at 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Catholic Mass will be celebrated in the Main Chapel at 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday through Aug. 9, 2007

Protestant-Gospel Sunday School
at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Services

Main Chapel
Protestant Bible Study 12 p.m.
Chapel Library
Chapel 5 (Bldg. 5950)

Protestant at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Catholic at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

Camp Victory
in Chaplain's Tent
General Christian at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Religious Services

Islamic Prayer room
open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through
Friday - Room 24

Adult Bible Study
Wednesdays at noon and 7 p.m.

Catholic Adult Bible Study - Sundays, 11:30 a.m.

Christian Women of the Chapel hold a Bible Study - Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Christian Men of the Chapel hold a Prayer Breakfast - Fourth Saturday of each month, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Youth of the Chapel
Every second and fourth Tuesday
7:00 to 9 p.m.

Jewish Services
Contact the Chapel for dates and time

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3rd Thursday each month
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Army Community Service

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Free swim for members and families
2nd and 4th Thursdays
5:30 to 6:45 p.m.
Indoor Pool

McGuire AFB Family Advocacy Program

754-9680

July Schedule

Play Groups
Mondays
Toddlers

Wednesdays
Infants

Child Development Center #1
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The More the Merrier: Playgroup
for Multiples
first Friday of the month
PAX terminal

Anger Management
last three Fridays of the month
Health and Wellness Center
1 - 3 p.m.

July 13
Pregnancy 101
2 to 4 p.m.
305th Medical Group, 2nd Floor, Resource Room
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July 14
Child Birth Preparation
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Bldg. 1279 Locust Street
562-5061

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Saturday 1 to 7 p.m.
Sunday & Monday CLOSED

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Tuesday - Friday noon to 6 p.m.

July 6-14

Tuesday
Open Recreation
1 - 7 p.m.
Skip-Bo Game Tournament
3 - 5 p.m.

Wednesday
Self-Directed Activities
1 - 7 p.m.

Thursday
Self-Directed Activities
1 - 7 p.m.

Friday
Self-Directed Activities
1 - 7 p.m.
TEEN CENTER
Scavenger Hunt

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TEEN CENTER
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Note: The Teen Center is open Fridays and Saturdays from 7 to 11 p.m. except during the Youth Center's Midnight Basketball nights.

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Friday and Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Commissary

754-4154
Monday to Friday - 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Military Clothing/Sales Store-Alterations

723-2307
Bldg. 5601, Texas Ave.
Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Sunday - Closed.

Firestone

723-0464
Bldg. 4201 on Texas Ave.
Monday to Friday - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday - 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Recreation Center

562-4956
Bldg. 5905 on Doughboy Loop.
Monday through Friday - 1 to 10 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday - noon to 11 p.m.
AT&T Cyber Zone offers computer access for a fee

Burger King

723-8937
Bldg. 5399, Texas Ave.
Monday to Saturday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Java Cafe & Computer Lab @ Club Dix

723-3272
Monday - Friday - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday -Closed.

McGuire Gas Station

723-4705
East Arnold Avenue by th 24-hour gate
Monday to Friday -- 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Sunday -- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Spouses' Club Thrift Shop

723-2683
Tuesday and Thursdays - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
First Wednesday of the month - 4 to 8 p.m.
First and 3rd Saturday of each month - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dining Facilities

Bldgs. 5640 and 5986
Breakfast Mon - Sun 6 to 7:30 a.m.
Lunch Mon - Sun 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner Mon - Sun 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation

562-6667
Bldg. 6045 Doughboy Loop
Equipment for rent includes skis, snowboards, canoes, flat bottom boats, canopies of various sizes, tents, tables, chairs and more.
Monday to Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 4 p.m.

McGuire Shoppette

723-4705
East Arnold Avenue by the 24-hour gate
Monday to Thursday -- 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday -- 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday -- 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday -- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Club Dix

723-3272
Dix Cafe
Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Revolutions Lounge

Opens 4:30 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday
Karaoke every Thursday at 8 p.m.

Fort Dix Post Office

723-1541
6038 West 9th St.
Monday to Friday -- 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday -- 9:00 a.m. to noon
Lobby hours

Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Army's medical hotline serves troops, families

Gerry J. Gilmore
Army News Service

WASHINGTON, June 27, 2007 - The Army's three-month-old "Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline," established March 19, has already fielded thousands of calls from Soldiers and concerned Family members, officials said here June 25.

The hotline was created by the Army's senior leadership in the wake of a series of news reports in February that revealed shortcomings in patient care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here.

The hotline center is managed and operated by U.S. Army Human Resources Command, said Col. Edward Mason, the hotline's director. "The Army cares about Soldiers and Families, and we're going to take care of Soldiers and Families," Col. Mason said. "We're going to ensure that those Soldiers and Family members have every single medical resource available in the United States Army."

Fifty-two percent of almost 1,000 issues generated by nearly 3,500 calls received by the hotline since its inception have involved medical issues, Col. Mason said. The issues are broken down into medical, finance, legal, and other categories, he said.

"One phone call could have no issues, or one phone call could have five issues," Col. Mason explained. The ones without issues usually are just requests for information, he added, such as phone numbers for other organizations.

Military veterans have raised 28 percent of the issues on the hotline, Col. Mason said, noting the veterans have been happy to receive call-backs from U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs officials.

The hotline's purpose isn't to circumvent the chain of command, said call center deputy director Col. Robert Clark. However, the hotline reflects the Army's determination to address and resolve Soldiers' medical issues as rapidly as possible, he said.

Some hotline calls come from frustrated people who need someone to listen to their concerns, Col. Clark said, noting there are "individuals out there who maybe didn't get quite what they deserved."

"And, by calling us, we're going to make sure that they do," Col. Clark emphasized. Providing follow-up on customers' inquiries is a key component of the hotline's mission, he said.

The hotline operation recently gained new office space in Alexandria, Va., and updated equipment, said call-center manager Jimmie Cotton.

"I love these facilities; there's a lot more open space," said Mr. Cotton, who has worked at the hotline operation since April. He said the Soldiers, government civilians and contractors who make up the center's 100-person staff work three shifts to provide around-the-clock service.

Vanessa Bradchulis, one of the hotline's customer care representatives, is a 30-year-old former Army medic and an Iraq war veteran. Ms. Bradchulis said she often receives calls from fathers or mothers inquiring about the medical status of their wounded sons or daughters.

"My medical experience has come in handy," said Ms. Bradchulis, a contractor at the center who served in Iraq in 2003. A Soldier's mother called her, she recalled, asking about her son, who'd been wounded in Iraq and was being treated at an Army hospital in Germany.

"She was trying to get in touch with the proper medical authorities," Ms. Bradchulis said, noting the mother just wanted to speak to a doctor to determine just how her son was doing.

"We put her in touch with the people who could find that out for her," Ms. Bradchulis said.

The Army's Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline can be accessed at (800) 984-8523.



Staff Sgt. Russell Bassett, 115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

VALUED VET - Sgt. 1st Class Michael Gholston, a squad leader with the Oregon National Guard's 115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, right, shares words of wisdom during mobilization training earlier this month at Fort Dix.

Vietnam vet beats odds to lead Soldiers in Iraq

Staff Sgt. Russell Bassett
115th MPAD

Sgt. 1st Class Michael Gholston comes off the firing line and takes off his Kevlar helmet. Large droplets of sweat stream down his face. Gholston wipes the sweat from his brow and looks around at his fellow Oregon National Guard Soldiers who are currently mobilizing at Fort Dix.

"Drink water," Gholston says, slinging his M-4 rifle onto his shoulder. Hearing their squad leader, the other Soldiers drink deeply from the hydration packs they wear on top of 30-plus pounds of body armor.

Earlier this month, Gholston and the rest of Oregon's 115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment fired their weapons at the Short Range Marksmanship range, one of many ranges the Soldiers must qualify on while here. They were only firing at targets, but soon they could be shooting to save their lives.

The 90-degree New Jersey heat makes the training tough, as evidenced by the sweat pouring off the Guardsmen, but it's nothing compared to the 130-degree days they will face once they arrive in Iraq later this summer.

At 52 years of age, Gholston stands out from his fellow Soldiers, all of which are in their 20s or 30s. His hair is several shades grayer and his face is more lined, but as the other Soldiers take a short respite from the day's training by sitting in the shade of a tree, Gholston remains standing.

He goes from Soldier to Soldier asking them how they did on the range. He offers words of congratulations to those who shot well and words of encouragement to those who did not.

Iraq will not be Gholston's first war experience. Many of his fellow mobilizing Soldiers had yet to be born when Gholston deployed to Vietnam in 1975. Gholston was sent to Vietnam with the U.S. Navy as a combat videographer, filming the fall of Saigon and the evacuation of refugees from that war-torn country.

Thirty years after the Vietnam War, Gholston decided it was time to once again serve his country.

"We are at war, and by watching the news it became very apparent that troops were needed to support the war effort," Gholston said. "I think going to Iraq is a chance of a lifetime. It's the biggest story out there right now, and I feel privileged to be able to report on it."

Going from Navy to Army, especially after taking a 15-year break in service, was not easy for the Portland, Ore., resident. He experienced many growing pains during the transition.

"It's a totally different mindset between the Navy and Army," Gholston explained. "In the Navy we just went out and did our job, but in the Army it's about being a total Soldier. You have to shoot and qualify on your weapons, do ruck marches and everything else that infantry Soldiers do. I had that Navy mindset and plus I'm getting older, so I had to really train and focus to keep up."

When Gholston first started with the 115th two years ago, his leadership didn't know what to make of the new staff sergeant with no Army experience.

"He scared the hell out of us because of his lack of Soldier skills," admitted 1st Sgt. Michael Cummings, the unit's top non-commissioned officer. "We had to teach him how to shoot an M-16. He had never fired one before."

Gholston's first real test was being sent to New Orleans to help with the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

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Sgt. 1st Class Michael Gholston
115th MPAD

"New Orleans was a real eye-opener," Gholston said. "My experience is with the Navy, but I was really submersed in the Army. We got the job done though. I shot over 18 hours of footage documenting the devastation and interviewing Soldiers of the Oregon National Guard."

After that "eye-opener," Gholston applied himself to becoming a good Soldier and good NCO.

He started working out everyday, doing push-ups, sit-ups and running. He also took every Army class he could, successfully graduating the two phases of Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, both of which are two weeks in length, and then completed the month-long Warrior Training Course. During this time, he lost 25 pounds and honed his soldier skills.

"Because of my prior service, I was put right into a leadership position, so I've had to not only pull my own weight, but set the example," Gholston said. "I couldn't just sit at a desk and tell people what to do. I had to be out there leading the way."

His fellow 115th Soldiers noticed the improvement.

"When Sergeant Gholston first arrived, I was like 'uh, oh,'" said Staff Sgt. Kevin Hartman, a 115th team leader. "The first time I saw him handle a rifle I thought, 'Oh, geez, I don't want to be on the line with this guy.' But now I think

he's awesome. A fire got under him somewhere, and he has done everything he can to be a good Soldier, NCO and leader."

Hartman said Gholston is a good leader not only because of how he prepared for the role, but because of who he is as a person.

"You can train a good person to be a good Soldier, but you can't always train a good Soldier to be a good person," said Hartman. "He is probably one of the most humble NCOs I have every met. He has gone to school after school, doing it all so he can be prepared, but he has kept his good attitude. He hasn't lost track of who he is as a person."

Cummings said he is now confident of Gholston's ability to lead troops in Iraq.

"He has applied himself to becoming Army rather than Navy," the first sergeant said. "He has done everything he can to be the best Soldier he can. ... He has been a sponge for knowledge, and it has been phenomenal just to see the way he has worked at it. His (physical fitness) improvement speaks for itself."

The unit's commander, Maj. Don Troxell, said he feels privileged to serve with Gholston.

"I've been impressed with his adaptability and his ability to acquire the knowledge and skills he needs to become a successful NCO," Troxell said. "I feel privileged to serve as a commander with someone who served with Public Affairs in Vietnam. He was standing on the deck of the U.S.S. Hancock when they evacuated the refugees from Vietnam. I remember watching that on the news as a kid and Sergeant Gholston was actually there."

The 115th leadership was so impressed with Gholston's improvement that they promoted him to sergeant first class in May.

Gholston said squaring himself away was challenging but rewarding, and he had these words of wisdom for other aging, prior-Navy personnel who are considering joining the Army.

"Be prepared for challenges," he said. "It won't be a cake walk. You have to get in shape and you can't be complacent. Don't expect to automatically be successful just because you have lots of experience. Seek out challenges and learn. Don't just say, 'I'm in charge.' You have to earn the respect."

Gholston and the other 20 members of the 115th MPAD are scheduled to arrive in Iraq later this summer. They will be stationed at Camp Speicher, in the Northern Iraqi city of Tikrit. Gholston will lead a team of print and broadcast journalists throughout the theater of operations, telling the Soldiers' stories for Army and civilian media outlets.



photos by Wayne Cook

The Logistics Company (TLC) contract members of Bravo Company receive certificates of appreciation during the Bravo Company change-of-command ceremony June 14. Pictured are, from left, James Stewart, TLC program manager, Anthony McCall, William Le'May, Regina Whitley, TLC deputy program manager, Dawan Ginn, Crista Chinn, Alonzo Cruite, Kiem Robinson-Lucas and Omar Khayyam.

Achievers awarded



Tech. Sgt. Nathan Tilton, 305th Operations Support Squadron, KC-10 Formal Training Unit, is awarded first prize in the Arts and Crafts photography contest by Janice Corbo, Arts and Crafts manager, left, and Sarah Johnson, director, Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

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Chaplains' Corner

Chap. (Lt. Col.) Jim Betz
Chapel Staff

I recently wrote in Chaplains' Corner about my reasons for entering the Army. I entered the military in 1985 by way of the Army Reserve. In those days, "mobilization" was a word all of us learned about but seldom saw in reality. The motto "two days a month and two weeks a year" described the life of a "weekend warrior."

After five years of service in the Army Reserve, my bishop granted me permission to serve in Active Component of the Army. Not even a month after my arrival at the 101st Airborne in Kentucky, Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait. Within weeks I was on my first field experience in Active Duty, seven months in Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

As I mentioned in my previous article in *The Post*, I fondly remember teaching, comforting and praying with many Soldiers waiting to enter Iraq and combat. Desert Storm lasted hours instead of years. We Soldiers were met with praise and appreciation from one and all when we returned.

As I rounded the two-year mark, I sensed that my time with 101st Airborne was coming to a close. A wise friend told me to ask for what I wanted in a next assignment. Without hesitation, I requested Latin America. I got what I asked for: Panama.

I had two advantages in Panama: I was a Catholic priest and I spoke Spanish. I met

countless people from all levels of society. Since I had a car, there was always someone willing to go with me on any journey I might take.

I thoroughly enjoyed life in a "tropical paradise," but I struggled to understand the ways of my host nation. I came to the conclusion that they were Panamanians and I was American. I never thought about that before.

Once more, my time to go was near, and I asked for another overseas assignment. I expected Korea, but happily I got Germany. I found the Germans formal, even impersonal. In other instances, I found them very kind and considerate. I concluded that they were Germans and I was American.

I was sad to leave Germany and Active Duty, but my bishop wanted me back in service. I returned to the Army Reserve, traveling to far-off places like Texas and California. I was mobilized in February 2003 and deployed to Kuwait for a year, returning in May 2004. I count myself lucky. My overseas experience helped me cope with life in Kuwait. After all, they were Arabs and I was American.

In recent years, I came to Fort Dix looking for a spot closer to home and one that would allow me to be promoted. Selection to the rank of lieutenant colonel was this past December, for me my last military promotion. I will leave Army Reserve on Aug. 31 with 22 years of grateful service to God and Country and a better understanding of what it means to be an American.



Wayne Cook

Hanging the banners high

Lt. Col. Pete Godston, commander, 378th Military Intelligence Battalion, left, and Sgt. Maj. William Bassonette display their unit's yellow banner during a ceremony in Infantry Park June 29.



photos by Wayne Cook

Bob Cole, director, Directorate of Logistics, center, presents longevity awards to Vinnie Vaccaro, left, and Johnnie Jackson, Transportation Division Chief, right, for 45 years of service to the government.



Bob Cole, director, Directorate of Logistics, left, and Johnnie Jackson, Transportation Division chief, right, present longevity awards for 40 years of service to the government to, from left, Manuel Torres and Barbara Worthy of the Directorate of Logistics.

Employees awarded for decades of civil service



Bob Cole, director, Directorate of Logistics, rear, and Johnnie Jackson, Transportation Division chief, right, present longevity awards for 40 years of service to the government to, from left, Manuel Torres and Barbara Worthy of the Directorate of Logistics.

Honoring the Colors

Reveille
6 a.m. (0600 hours)

Military personnel in uniform

Stand at attention, face the flag and salute at first note.

Military personnel not in uniform, civilians

Stand at attention, face the flag and place right hand over heart at first note.

Military personnel in formation or in a group

Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Present, Arms" at first note. Calls "Order, Arms" at conclusion.

Individual military personnel, civilians in a vehicle

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Group of military personnel in a vehicle

Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.

Retreat
5 p.m. (1700 hours)

Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat, then salute at first note of *To the Colors*.

Stand at attention, face the flag for Retreat, then place right hand over heart at first note of *To the Colors*.

Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Present, Arms" at first note of *To the Colors*, then "Order, Arms" at conclusion.

Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.

Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.

Other bugle calls heard on post are:

Tattoo.....9 p.m. (2100 hours)
Call to Quarters.....9:30 p.m. (2130 hours)
Taps.....10 p.m. (2200 hours)

ARTS & CRAFTS

Bldg. 6039
Philadelphia Street

562-5691

Registration & sales store hours:

Tuesday

9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday-Thursday

noon to 5 p.m., 6-8:45 p.m.

Friday

11 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Saturday

9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

PROGRAMS

Summer Art Kamp for Kids and Teens

July 24-27, July 30-Aug. 3

Aug. 21-24

12:30 - 2 p.m. for kids

2:30 - 4 p.m. for teens

Our popular annual Art Kamp has expanded sessions. Children ages 6-12 and teens can explore a variety of mediums to include pottery, ceramics, sewing and a variety of crafts. A \$50 fee for each session includes materials, and there are family and multiple-session discounts available.

Quilts For Kids

July 14, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Adult Craft Classes

Tuesdays, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

July 12...Ceramic Dog Bowl

July 19.....Beach Design

Flare Ware

\$5 fee plus materials

Krafty Birthdays

Arts and Crafts offers fun and

affordable Krafty Birthday

parties, which include up to

two hours of party room use,

one kraft project with instruction

and all materials, plus a

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shirt for the birthday child!

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ceramic painting, create-a-

critter stuffed animals, jew-

elry, and a variety of other fun

and popular crafts.

Kids Craft Classes

Saturdays, 2:30 - 4 p.m.

July 7...Kritter Sundae Bowls

\$5 fee plus materials

Contemporary Ceramic Studio

Looking for a place to walk,

in, relax and get creative? This

is the place for you and your

family to paint functional or

decorative items to give as

gifts or keep for yourself. We

have many bisque ware items

to choose, from plates and

mugs to piggy banks, lots of project ideas, and a helpful staff to get you started. You do the painting and we'll complete your masterpiece with a food-safe glaze and firing. Come and have fun!

Christmas in July

Get an early start on those Christmas gifts and decorations this year. For the whole month of July, receive 20-percent off all Christmas items.

Sewing Classes

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

July 11, 25...Surprise in a

Kit

July 21.....Fabric Trip to

Philly Fabric Row

Frame Shop

Stop by to learn about all kinds of framing techniques. In no time you'll be framing your own photographs, paintings and posters.

Create A Critter Special

Take 25-percent off any outfit when you stuff a critter! Discover a menagerie of adorable animals to stuff, dress and cuddle. From the basic Teddy bear to giraffes and lions, we've got them all! Great fun for the whole family and you'll love our low prices. A great last-minute gift idea,



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562-2767

Bldg. 5201, on the corner of 8th Street and Maryland Avenue

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Ft Dix Youth Sports League



Registrations Run from June 18th to July 27th
(Practices Start the first week of August.)

- ★ Soccer Registrations are open to Dependents or Family Members of Active Duty, Retired Military, DOD Civilians, or Contractors that have their child registered with CYSL.
- ★ Children ages 3 - 8 are eligible to register during Open Registration. Children ages 9 - 10 will be put on a waiting list.



★ Before Play, all Children must have a current Physical.



For More Information,
Please Contact **Chris** or
Steve at the Youth Sports Office
(609) 562-2819/5519



Independence begins with Fire Cracker



photos by Ed Mingin

Spc. Ruben Martinez, 1/185th Infantry, above, was the top finisher at the Fire Cracker Fun Run, held June 28. Martinez finished the 5K run with a time of 17:59. Next across the line was Maj. Jesse Arnstein, 21st Civil Support Team National Guard, top right. Always one of the top finishers, Arnstein crossed the finish at 18:29. Rounding out the top three was Master Sgt. Tim Lannon, 108 Air Refueling Wing, Air Force National Guard, left, who finished in 24:20. Top female finisher was Staff Sgt. Tasha Veit, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, top left, at 24:20.

Sports Shorts

Griffith Field House

Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Youth Sports registration

It's time to get ready for some football! Youth Sports will be holding football and cheerleading registration May 1 - July 27. An annual registration fee of \$18 is required, along with a fee of \$30 for football or \$50 for cheerleading. Participants must be registered with Child Youth Services. Call 562-4702 or 562-5231 for more information.

Golf Classic Scramble

The American Society of Military Controllers is presenting the Jersey Devil Chapter Annual Scholarship Fund Golf Classic Scramble. The event will be Monday, July 9 at the McGuire Golf Course. Cost for the event is \$60 and includes green fees, cart, prizes, lunch and drinks. Money is due by July 3. Call 732-427-3835 for more information.

Outdoor Recreation

Get outside and enjoy the weather with a trip with Outdoor Rec.

July 7
Dolphin watching
Cost: Adult \$45
Children \$30
July 14-15
Canoe/Kayak & camp
Cost: \$45
July 18
Rock Climbing
Cost: Adult \$35
Children \$25
July 20
Blue Fishing
Cost: Adult \$55
Children \$40
For more information call Outdoor Recreation at 562-2727.

Soccer Registration

Soccer registrations are open to dependents or family members of active duty, retired military, DoD Civilians, and contractors who have registered with Child and Youth Services.

Children 3-8 are eligible to register during open registration. Children 9-10 will be put on a waiting list. All children must have a current physical before playing.

For more information, call 562-2819.

Local speedway offers discount

Once again New Egypt Speedway is offering a discount off the price of an adult admission ticket to all active duty military personnel and their spouses, with proper ID. For more info call (609) 758-1900 or visit the track's website at www.newegyptspeedway.net.

Summer Games

The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is sponsoring an EFMP Summer Games for EFMP members from Fort Dix, McGuire, Fort Monmouth and NAEs Lakehurst military communities, 25 August 2007 at John Mann Park, Fort Dix from 1100-1500. Games include basketball, baseball, horse shoe, swimming, bowling, relay races and other competitions for EFMP and Family members. Prizes and trophies will be awarded.

Registration is mandatory. Registration: Monday, 25 June - Friday 3 August 2007. Call ACS at 609-562-2767, POC: Evelyn Dingle, EFMP Manager.

Softball

The first week of the regular softball season has five teams undefeated. Preseason champs FCI lead the way at 2-0. Showtime, Steel Angel, NRDP and Bravo are also perfect at 1-0. The Free Agents and the Wildcats are both 1-1. Both the Renegades and Bohica are 0-1. The Admirals and the Warriors are 0-2. FCI, Steel Angel and NRDP are looking to continue with their preseason success. FCI grabbed the preseason championship, narrowly beating Steel Angel. NRDP nearly made it to the final, but lost to Steel Angel.

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